

States Congress stands solidly behind its delegation debating this issue, and behind the freedom of the Internet. More than a billion people rely on the Internet, so we must not compromise on the values of democracy and freedom that have made this engine of information so successful throughout the world. I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of this important resolution.

THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge today, November 17, 2005, as the Great American Smokeout. For nearly three decades, the American Cancer Society has designated the third Thursday of each November as a day for smokers nationwide to unite and kick the deadly habit of smoking.

Today, smoking remains the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. It is a major cause of not only lung cancer, but cancers of the mouth, larynx, pharynx, esophagus, kidney, bladder, pancreas, cervix, and has most recently been associated with acute leukemia and cancers of the stomach. Yet, over 45.4 million Americans are addicted to tobacco.

Mr. Speaker, due to the commendable efforts of organizations such as the American Cancer Society, 46 million Americans have thankfully already quit smoking. The American Cancer Society will be conducting activities today throughout the United States to celebrate the Great American Smokeout. I encourage all smokers to take part in this critically important endeavor.

COMMENDING PROFESSOR KYLE D. SMITH

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions and research of Dr. Kyle D. Smith, a Professor of Psychology at the University of Guam. Today, Dr. Smith will be honored as the "Professor of the Year" from Guam at an awards ceremony here in Washington, DC, sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Smith has devoted his academic career to undergraduate teaching, and his contributions in the field of psychology and his innovative teaching techniques, have earned him the selection as Guam "Professor of the Year" for 2005.

In 1981, Professor Smith graduated *summa cum laude* in psychology at the University of Tulsa. He received both a Master of Science degree in psychology and a Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Washington, Seattle, in 1984 and 1987, respectively. Professor Smith has served on the faculty at the University of Washington, Seattle, the University of Washington at Bothell, and Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey. He currently is

a Professor of Psychology in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Guam.

Professor Smith is a respected academician and is recognized by his colleagues for his outstanding research and teaching ability. Professor Smith has focused his recent research on cultural factors in emotions and moral concepts. He has contributed to national dialogue on important issues currently facing academia, including most especially contributions in the areas of minority education and published research with respect to the learning environment for international students. His research has focused on the incorporation of culture, ethnicity, and diversity in teaching methodology and in the curriculum. In a joint research endeavor with colleagues, Professor Smith has designed a new undergraduate degree program in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Professor Smith is widely recognized for his interactive classes in general psychology, social psychology, and cross-cultural psychology, where he emphasizes innovation, cultural relevance, and leadership. He applies theory to real world situations and promotes critical thinking development.

His commitment to teaching and his research in the field of psychology has contributed to the mission and growth of the University of Guam. Our island community recognizes his accomplishments and his selection as the "Professor of the Year" for 2005. Our Nation needs professors like Dr. Smith who are committed to teaching and who educate the leaders of tomorrow. Great educators should be commended for their contributions to society. The U.S. Professors of the Year Awards sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching help sustain the national commitment to undergraduate education. I join with the people of Guam in commending Professor Kyle D. Smith upon receiving this award and in honoring his accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAT AND JERRY JAMBAZIAN ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WONDER CLEANERS & DRAPERY IN TEMPLE CITY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pat and Jerry Jambazian on the 50th anniversary of Wonder Cleaners & Drapery in Temple City. The Jambazian family has been providing their excellent services to the community since 1955. Jerry Jambazian's parents, Andrew and Rose Jambazian, first started the family business in San Gabriel in 1947, and in 1955 the Jambazian family moved to Temple City, where they have been giving back to the community ever since.

The Jambazians' Wonder Cleaners & Drapery is the oldest family-owned business in Temple City. Over the many years they have spent in Temple City, the Jambazians have shown themselves to be both excellent entrepreneurs and good neighbors. Throughout the past 50 years, their passion for providing conscientious, caring service to their customers

has not waned, and they remain committed to making everyone feel well taken care of and welcome. It is this level of personal care and dedication that has allowed Wonder Cleaners & Drapery to grow steadily through the years.

Even while running a successful family-owned business, the Jambazians have also managed to remain deeply involved in the community. In addition to his duties and responsibilities as a proprietor, Jerry Jambazian has been involved in numerous different civic organizations, ranging from the Kiwanis Club to the Temple City Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jambazian supports our local schools by organizing the Student of the Month program and working closely with students, teachers, and the community to encourage a greater appreciation of education. Jerry Jambazian also serves on the boards of many different nonprofit organizations, and his leadership efforts in constructing the Outdoor Performance Pavilion have contributed to the completion of that beautiful venue in Temple City. Jerry Jambazian has further contributed to Temple City through his excellent photography skills; his photos are beautiful mementos of special community moments. Without Jerry Jambazian's leadership skills, enthusiasm, and passion for helping others and serving the community, Temple City would not be what it is today.

I am proud to congratulate the Jambazian family on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their family-owned business, Wonder Cleaners & Drapery. I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring the Jambazians for their dedication to making our community a better place to live.

RECOGNITION OF THE TIME TO READ LITERACY PROGRAM

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work and mission of the Time to Read literacy program.

Since 1985, Time Warner, Inc.'s Time to Read program has worked to address the crisis of illiteracy among American children and adults.

Today, Time to Read is the nation's largest corporate-sponsored volunteer literacy program. I am particularly proud that the Mid-South chapter, which includes Memphis, Tennessee, is the largest Time to Read program in the nation, helping more than 6,000 children and adults every year.

Each week, Time to Read's 33,000 participants meet at more than 550 schools, adult education centers, prisons, libraries, churches, community centers, clinics and homeless shelters across the nation to learn together how to read.

Time to Read students are matched with reading mentors who use real-life learning materials, magazines and other publications as teaching tools to help inform new readers about everyday culture, life and current events. These reading mentors serve as tutors and role models, giving children the confidence to succeed in school and adults the tools necessary to compete in the workplace.

However, these tireless mentors do much more than help kids and adults learn to read.

Together, they give Time to Read participants hope and an opportunity for a better future.

Time and again, this program has demonstrated its ability to take on this important challenge of raising America's literacy rates. With quiet determination and steadfast commitment, Time to Read volunteers make a difference in the lives of thousands of kids and adults each year.

For this reason, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring the purpose and spirit of the Time to Read Literacy Program, its volunteers and participants.

TRIBUTE TO E.G. "JERRY"
GLADBACH

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, the end of 2005 will mark the conclusion of E.G. "Jerry" Gladbach's term as President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). His tenure has been marked by several successes on behalf of ACWA and the California water community.

A resident of Valencia together with his wife Donna, Jerry has served as president of ACWA since January of 2004, after having served as ACWA Vice-President since January of 2002. He has served as a director of Castaic Lake Water Agency in Santa Clarita since 1985, and has served as President of Castaic Lake's Board of Directors and is currently the Chair of the Water Resources Committee of that Agency.

Mr. Gladbach has been involved in water and energy issues for the past forty-two years and active with ACWA since 1973. As President of ACWA, Jerry has led the association in fighting to maintain water quality, protect communities from disastrous floods, and ensure that California has the water needed for people, agriculture and the environment.

He appointed the task force that created No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for California Water, a policy document that serves as a common vision for the many diverse interests of California's water community, and has drawn headlines statewide.

Mr. Gladbach served as a manager with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and retired after 35 years of service. At LADWP he provided critical leadership on developing alternative energy supplies, environmental and governmental affairs, and design of hydroelectric power plants and transmission lines.

Jerry is first vice-chair of the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and is on the Executive Board of the California Association of LAFCOs. He was recently granted lifetime membership with the American Society of Professional Engineers.

He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1961, and returned in 1963, earning his Master's degree at the same institution in 1964.

Our thanks to Jerry for a lifetime of continuing service to California.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, due to an error, my vote for rollcall No. 580, on H.R. 2419, on agreeing to the conference report was not recorded. I voted "yes" on this rollcall.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF
LAPORTE, INDIANA, AS BEING
NAMED THE INDIANA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE 2005 COMMUNITY
OF THE YEAR

HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, it should come as no surprise to anyone who has recently visited LaPorte, Indiana that the Indiana Chamber of Commerce named the city its "2005 Community of the Year."

The honor was bestowed on LaPorte at the Chamber's 16th Annual Awards Dinner, held in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 10, 2005.

More than 1,400 members of the Hoosier state business community gathered for the annual awards banquet, including a delegation of over 50 LaPorte Chamber of Commerce members, which, I am told, is the largest group ever from a community receiving the award during its 16-year existence.

The state Chamber noted that LaPorte received this distinction largely because it has "enjoyed an economic revival under [LaPorte Mayor Leigh Morris] and the businesslike approach he implemented at City Hall."

Mr. Speaker, I would have to agree with the Chamber's conclusion.

In the past year, LaPorte has seen their business environment thrive. Three businesses have started new operations in the area, and 4 existing businesses continued their growth, adding over 100 new jobs between them.

Mayor Morris has had help in his efforts to bring new and grow existing businesses in LaPorte County. He formed a cooperative, bipartisan effort between himself, Michigan City Mayor Chuck Oberlie, the LaPorte County commissioners, and Purdue-North Central University. This coalition is committed to seeing continued economic growth in LaPorte County.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of LaPorte Chamber of Commerce President Mike Seitz and the Greater LaPorte Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Owen Rock. They have worked together with Mayor Morris to help move LaPorte forward.

Mr. Speaker, LaPorte is clearly a community on the rise, and I congratulate Mayor Morris and the entire community on being named the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's "2005 Community of the Year."

CONCERN OVER THE KASHMIR
EARTHQUAKE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to speak on behalf of the earthquake which occurred in Kashmir. On October 8th, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake hit Pakistan, India, Afghanistan. So far, Over 80,000 have perished and three million are homeless. Over half of those who lost their lives were school aged children who were attending school. It is evident a generation of Pakistani's no longer exist. I am concerned that tens of thousands will also soon perish from weather, disease, and malnutrition.

Our President, who campaigned as a compassionate conservative, has been wholly inadequate in his response to the crisis in Pakistan. The United Nations has asked for \$550 million in emergency aid. Although, we have given only \$40 million while our generous citizens have given more than \$50 million in relief aid. To date, we have only pledged \$150 million for reconstruction when the World Bank estimates Pakistan needs \$5.2 Billion. Our government can do much better.

Last week, the President instructed 5 Fortune 500 CEOs to fundraise for the disaster. This should help. However, we need to show our allies that the U.S. will help them in their time of need. If we are serious about the welfare of the Muslim world and our ally, Pakistan; then we will pledge significantly in the upcoming donor conference this weekend in Islamabad, Pakistan. We proved our great generosity after Tsunami; we need to show it again.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
MOVEMENT

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 40th Anniversary of the American Community Health Center Movement which began in Dorchester, Massachusetts in my home district with the founding of the Columbia Point Community Health Center in 1965.

Development of health centers in the mid 1960s was fueled by the lack of primary care doctors practicing in urban and rural areas across the country. In 1961 more than 60 percent of Boston physicians had their offices located in hospitals. As a result, two Boston-based physician-activists, H. Jack Geiger and Count Gibson of Tufts Medical School, were determined to address both the lack and nature of primary care in Boston's neighborhoods. Working with residents in the Columbia Point neighborhood of Dorchester, these pioneering physicians helped to organize a new community-based model of primary care. Today this site is known as the Geiger-Gibson Community Health Center and still provides over 6,000 residents of Harbor Point and Dorchester with access to world-class health care.